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WASHINGTON, July 11, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 6 totaled an estimated 14.2 billion ton-miles, 5.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day Holiday and part of the coal miners' vacation period.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 464.3 billion ton-miles, down 3.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 6 totaled 300,588, down 7.2 percent from last year, and 24.5 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.5 percent in the East, 6.7 percent in the South and 4.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 19 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. All of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 29 totaled 91,167 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,204,687 trailers and/or containers, down 3.2 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/6/85:

	Loadings in Week ended July 6, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,829	D	1,638	6.7	D	2,328	9.3
Other farm products	3,032	D	330	9.8	D	569	15.8
Metallic ores	12,641	D	4,366	25.7	D	6,828	35.1
Coal	80,121	D	5,372	6.3	D	37,285	31.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,594	D	635	5.7	D	2,519	19.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,968	D	1,266	11.3	D	1,323	11.7
Grain mill products	8,461	D	411	4.6	D	1,173	12.2
Food and kindred products	8,299	D	991	10.7	D	2,872	25.7
Primary forest products	8,361	D	1,143	12.0	D	3,583	30.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,708	D	271	5.4	D	3,837	44.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,267	D	880	6.7	D	2,405	16.4
Chemicals and allied products	18,943	D	876	4.4	D	6,298	25.0
Petroleum products	4,079	I	21	0.5	D	719	15.0
Stone, clay and glass products	9,033	D	1,051	10.4	D	2,342	20.6
Coke	4,698	D	625	11.7	D	219	4.5
Metals and products	8,092	I	281	3.6	D	1,489	15.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,535	D	284	2.1	D	6,641	32.9
Waste and scrap materials	5,714	D	1,235	17.8	D	2,438	29.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,319	D	942	15.0	D	1,331	20.0
All other carloads	49,755	D	1,163	2.3	D	11,247	18.4
LCL traffic	139	D	42	23.2	D	26	15.8
Total Cars Loaded	300,588	D	23,219	7.2	D	97,472	24.5
Corresponding week of 1984	323,807						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,067,589	10,605,334	D 5.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 Weeks ended June 29	450.1	466.1	D 3.4
Week ended July 6	14.2	15.0	D 5.3
27 weeks cumulative	464.3	481.2	D 3.5

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